

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1028  
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NARCOTICS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of gold and narcotics seized by Central Excise and Customs Department in six months prior to 30 June, 2001 and the estimated value thereof;
- (b) the number of persons arrested in this connection; and
- (c) the measures taken to check smuggling of gold and narcotics?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Details of quantity of Gold & narcotics seized by the field-formations of Customs & Central Excise Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) during the period from 1.1.2001 to 30.6.2001 and the number of persons arrested in connection thereto are as under:

| Description<br>(in Kgs.)       | No. of cases | Quantity seized<br>(Rs.in lakhs) | Value of goods seized<br>arrested | No. of Persons |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Gold                           | 243          | 248.063                          | 1148.85                           | 32             |
| Narcotic Drugs                 |              |                                  |                                   |                |
| (i) Heroin                     | 22           | 241                              | 785.12                            | 30             |
| (ii) Hashish                   | 36           | 497                              | 147.76                            | 6              |
| (iii) Mandrax/<br>Methaqualone | 01           | 396                              | 79.20                             | 3              |
| (iv) Ganja                     | 126          | 15766                            | 785.12                            | 29             |

+ Figures provisional

(c) All the field formations under the Customs Department including DRI are vigilant & alert to detect & prevent smuggling of contrabands including gold and narcotics.